

Amendments to the Claims:

Prior to the present communication, claims 1–12 and 14–27 were pending in the subject application. Claims 1, 10, and 19 have been amended herein and claims 6, 8, and 18 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1–5, 7, 9–12, 14–17, and 19–27 remain pending. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the above-identified application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing clinically related supply procurement according to outcomes, comprising:

a first interface to receive patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising clinical supplies, including a first clinical supply and a second clinical supply, used to treat one or more patients;

a second interface to receive clinical outcomes data from the at least one clinically related site, wherein the clinical outcomes data that describes one or more patient outcomes for the one or more patients that resulted from using the clinical supplies, including the first clinical supply and the second clinical supply, to treat the one or more patients from the at least one clinically related site, and wherein a patient outcome is a comparison of a present patient condition relative to an initial patient condition at the time a clinical supply was used to treat a patient; and

an analytic engine, the analytic engine communicating with the first interface and the second interface to generate comparative clinical supply reports showing a comparison of the one or more patient outcomes for the one or more patients that resulted from the use of a first clinical supply with the one or more patient outcomes that resulted from the use of a second clinical supply based at least on the clinical outcomes data.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the patient supply data comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the clinical outcomes data comprises at least one of patient mortality data, patient morbidity data, patient ambulatory data, patient infection data, patient prescription data, patient length of stay data, patient condition data and patient readmittance data.

5. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the comparative clinical supply reports comprise historical patient outcome comparisons between alternative supply selections.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the comparative clinical supply reports comprise projected patient outcome comparisons based on alternative supply selections.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the comparative clinical supply reports comprise reports on clinical outcomes data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient condition categories, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for managing clinically related supply procurement according to outcomes, comprising:

receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising clinical supplies used to treat one or more patients;

receiving clinical outcomes data from the at least one clinically related site that describes one or more patient outcomes that resulted from using the clinical supplies to treat the one or more patients from the at least one clinically related site, wherein the clinical outcomes data is patient condition data that includes initial patient condition data and present patient condition data; and

generating comparative clinical supply reports that show alternative supply-selections for a particular clinical procedure type based at least on the clinical outcomes data.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the patient supply data comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the comparative clinical supply reports comprise historical patient outcome comparisons between alternative supply selections.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the historical patient outcome comparisons are based on a combination of at least two supply selections.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the comparative clinical supply reports comprise projected patient outcome comparisons based on alternative supply selections.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein the projected patient outcome comparisons are based on a combination of at least two supply selections.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable instructions embodied thereon for performing a method for managing clinically related supply procurement according to outcomes, the method comprising:

receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising clinical supplies used to treat one or more patients;

receiving clinical outcomes data that describes one or more patient outcomes that resulted from using the clinical supplies to treat the one or more patients from the at least one clinically related site, and wherein a patient outcome is a comparison of a present patient condition relative to an initial patient condition at the time a clinical supply was used to treat a patient;

generating a comparative clinical supply report based at least on the clinical outcomes data that shows a correlation between at least one clinical supply and the one or more patient outcomes; and

storing the comparative clinical supply report in computer accessible memory.

20. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 19, wherein the patient supply data comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

21. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 19, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

22. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 19, wherein the clinical outcomes data comprises at least one of patient mortality data, patient morbidity data, patient ambulatory data, patient infection data, patient prescription data, patient length of stay data, patient condition data and patient readmittance data.

23. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 19, wherein the comparative clinical supply report comprises at least one historical patient outcome comparison between alternative supply selections.

24. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 23, wherein the at least one historical patient outcome comparison is based on a combination of at least two supply selections.

25. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 19, wherein the comparative clinical supply report comprises projected patient outcome comparisons based on alternative supply selections.

26. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 25, wherein the at least one projected patient outcome comparison is based on a combination of at least two supply selections.

27. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 19, wherein the comparative clinical supply report comprises a report on clinical outcomes data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient condition categories, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.